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DECODING DEVICE AND METHOD,
PROGRAM, AND RECORDING MEDIUM

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated September 4, 2008, the following amendment and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.